

**CITY OF LONG BEACH  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND MARINE  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES  
MAY 17, 2007**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was called to order by Harry Saltzgaver, President, at 9:00 a.m., at the El Dorado Park West Senior Center Library. Phil Hester, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine, took roll call and confirmed a quorum.

**Present:** Harry Saltzgaver, President  
Drew Satariano, Vice President  
Simon George  
Bob Livingstone  
Sarah Tong Sangmeister  
Brett Waterfield

**Absent:** Albert Guerra (excused)

**Staff:** Phil Hester, Director, Parks, Recreation and Marine  
Thomas Shippey, Manager, Maintenance Operations Bureau  
Dennis Eschen, Manager, Planning and Development Bureau  
Chrissy Marshall, Manager, Community Recreation Services Bureau  
J.C. Squires, Manager, Business Operations Bureau  
Lt. Joe Stilinovich, Park Rangers  
Bill Greco, Supervising Park Ranger  
Geoff Hall, Special Projects Officer  
Heather Martin, Management Assistant  
Gwendolyn Parker, Superintendent of Contracts and Revenue Development  
Ted Stevens, Safety Officer  
Robin Black, Executive Assistant to the Director

**Guests:** Suzanne Mason, Director of Human Resources  
Stacia Mancini, 5<sup>th</sup> District Council Office  
Chris Kozaites, Partners of Parks  
Bill Shumard, President and CEO, Special Olympics Southern California  
Reshan Cooray, City Safety Officer  
George Medak  
Richard Garbini

**It was moved by Commissioner Livingstone and seconded by Commissioner George to excuse the absence of Commissioner Albert Guerra. The motion carried unanimously.**

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – APRIL 19, 2007**

**It was moved by Commissioner Livingstone and seconded by Vice President Satariano to approve the April 19, 2007 Parks and Recreation Commission minutes. The motion carried unanimously.**

**III. INTRODUCTION OF NEW COMMUNITY SERVICES SUPERVISORS**

Ms. Chrissy Marshall, Manager of Community Recreation Services Bureau, introduced the four new Community Services Supervisors: Rudy Rivera, Michelle Gingras, Jeff Grant, and Lachonda Lard. She stated that these positions have been vacant for two years. Ms. Marshall said they have been underfilling the positions in either a permanent part-time or part-time capacity and she thanked them for their service. She said that they would be filling one more supervisor position.

President Saltzgaver stated that item five would be taken next.

**V. FY 08 BUDGET PRESENTATION – SUZANNE MASON**

President Saltzgaver introduced Suzanne Mason, the new Human Resources Director, who was here to discuss the budget.

Ms. Mason stated that she has been the Deputy City Manager for the past four and a half years and was recently appointed to become the Director of Human Resources. She said that this is the fourth year that she has come before the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting to give an update on the budget situation. She distributed a handout and gave a brief history on the budget. Ms. Mason stated that over the last four years they have balanced the General Fund budget. There has been a dramatic decrease in the level of service the City provides. The 2007 budget is very tenuously balanced. Many of the contracts are projected to increase and the City is facing negotiations with the International Association of Machinists Union and other bargaining units. There are new budget dates with the Charter reform. The City Manager is now required to give the proposed budget to the Mayor on July 1, and the Mayor has one month to review the budget and make his own recommendations to the City Council and the community. The budget will go to the City Council on August 1, and they will have some time to review the budget before they are required to make their budget decisions. The Mayor can make line item vetos, if he so chooses. The Council is then given one more week, before September 30, if they choose to override the Mayor's vetos. The budget hearings and workshops will take place in August and September, mostly on Tuesday afternoons and evenings. She encouraged the Parks and Recreation Commissioners to attend those meetings.

President Saltzgaver asked if the Budget Summit would be held on July 14?

Ms. Mason responded that this year there would be a smaller event, probably on June 12, combined with a Budget Workshop.

President Saltzgaver stated that the Commission would be receiving an update on the budget at next month's meeting.

Ms. Mason stated that the labor market is very competitive and it is a challenge and difficult to attract employees.

President Saltzgaver stated that the last two presidents of the Parks and Recreation Commission were given recognition. Bea Antenore was recognized by the County Supervisor as Senior Woman of the Year for her many years of volunteer service. Also yesterday, the State's California Parks and Recreation Society honored Chris Kozaites, a past Parks and Recreation Commission President, and also Chris Pook for their volunteer service to the community. Mr. Kozaites is now President of the Partners of Parks Executive Board. President Saltzgaver asked Mr. Kozaites to introduce their executive board.

#### **IV. INTRODUCTION OF PARTNERS OF PARKS EXECUTIVE BOARD**

Mr. Kozaites stated that he wanted to introduce the Partners of Parks Executive Board and thank them publicly for their hours of work. He introduced Connie Hamilton as their secretary, Tom Simmons as their Vice President, Bob Pierce as their legal advisor, Debra Russell as public relations, and Diane Wiley as the fundraiser. Mr. Kozaites stated that they have eight more advisory Board members and Leslie Hunsaker is their Acting Executive Director.

Mr. Squires stated that there are 17 people on their community board helping to organize and reform Partners of Parks into the new vision. These people have made a great commitment and it will be fun to see them grow over the next few years.

President Saltzgaver stated that one of the Commissioners, Bob Livingstone, is also a member of the Partners of Parks Board.

President Saltzgaver stated that he would like to move item XII A up on the agenda.

#### **XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

##### **A. SPECIAL OLYMPICS UPDATE**

Mr. Hester stated that discussions have been held with Special Olympics regarding their potential relocation to Long Beach. He said that Mr. Geoff Hall put together a good proposal submitted to Special Olympics. Mr. Hester then introduced Mr. Bill Shumard, the Executive Director of Special Olympics Southern California.

Mr. Shumard stated that they are very excited about their potential future in Long Beach. Special Olympics is the world's largest sports organization. It serves 2.5 million people worldwide. Special Olympics and Long Beach have a long history. The summer games have been held in the city at California State University Long Beach for the past eight years. About a year ago, they sent out a request for proposal to 25 cities and had serious discussions with eight of those cities. Both he and the board were very impressed with Long Beach's coordinated effort. They hope to make an announcement as to where they are relocating to, on the eve of the summer games in June.

President Saltzgaver stated that staff has done a wonderful job and he wanted to congratulate Geoff Hall.

**VI. LARRY C. LARSON SAFETY AWARD PRESENTATION – TED STEVENS**

Mr. Reshan Cooray introduced himself as the City Safety Officer. He congratulated Mr. Hester in maintaining a safety conscious department. He stated that each year they hold a Larry C. Larson Awards breakfast. That breakfast is in honor of a manager at the Water Department who was very safety conscious and a pioneer of safety. He said that there are several criteria that the departments are awarded points on. The Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine received this award for four years in a row.

Mr. Hester congratulated Ted Stevens, the Department's Safety Officer, and Ken Campbell who filled in until Mr. Stevens was hired.

Mr. Stevens said that he wanted to thank the management and supervisors who really enforce and encourage safety among the employees.

**VII. MANAGEMENT INTERN PROJECTS – HEATHER MARTIN**

President Saltzgaver introduced Ms. Heather Martin, the Department's Management Intern.

Mr. Hester stated that the City has a Management Intern program where the City reaches out nationally to universities and hires three or four interns for a year. Traditionally, they stay with the City or move to higher-level positions in other cities. A few city managers started out with this program. They move around to various departments to get experience. Ms. Martin is a little different in that her background is in recreation and parks. She has been rotating around to the different bureaus within the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine.

Ms. Martin thanked the Commission for inviting her to the meeting. She distributed a list of her projects and stated that she began in September 2006. She said that her list does not show the number of staff members who helped and she could not have managed the time or work on the number of projects without their help. Ms. Martin went over her rotations and the number of conferences she attended. She then briefly went over the 12 projects she worked on for the Department. Ms. Martin stated that her experience has been really unique and she thanked the Department for this opportunity.

Commissioner Waterfield stated that he was glad to see the attention to the wellness and childhood obesity programs and how they fit in with the Joint Use Committee. He said that he was hoping to look at her report and use it in the after school programs.

## **VIII COMMISSION ACTION ITEMS**

### **#07-0501**

PERSONAL SERVICES/INSTRUCTION AGREEMENTS-MONTHLY APPROVAL

**It was moved by Vice President Satariano and seconded by Commissioner Livingstone to authorize the Manager of Community Recreation Services Bureau, or his or her management designee, to execute the Personal Services and Instruction Agreements and amend Attachment "A" of the agreements as needed. The motion carried unanimously.**

### **#07-0502**

AUTHORIZE FIRST AMENDMENT TO SPECIAL EVENT CONCESSION WITH SMG FOOD AND BEVERAGE, LLC FOR FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE SALES AT LONG BEACH MUNICIPAL BAND CONCERTS

Ms. Gwendolyn Parker stated that last year they sent out a request for proposals and SMG was awarded the bid. They evaluated the program from last year and made a few changes.

President Saltzgaver asked if there was any potential to expanding this type of vendor to the movies in the park and the other concerts we do.

Mr. Hester responded that at the movies in the park the Department gives away free popcorn and people usually bring their own food.

Ms. Chrissy Marshall stated that she could look at that though.

It was moved by Commissioner Waterfield and seconded by Commissioner Tong Sangmeister to authorize the Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine to execute the First Amendment to Special Event Concession Permit No. 29773 with SMG Food and Beverage, LLC to change the focus of the concession menu from gourmet to basic fare, eliminate the reserved concert seating and the VIP Court program requirement, change the permit fee structure from solely a percentage fee payment of gross receipts to a guaranteed minimum and percentage of gross receipts, extend the Permit term through 2007, and authorize the Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine to execute future amendments to extend the Permit term. The motion carried unanimously.

**#07-0503**

AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE AMENDMENTS TO PICNIC SERVICE CONCESSION PERMITS EXTENDING THE TERM THROUGH JUNE 30, 2008, FOR THE OPERATORS LISTED

Mr. Hester stated that these are permits to licensed operators who have proper insurance to operate in the park.

It was moved by Commissioner Livingstone and seconded by Commissioner George to authorize the Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine to execute amendments to the picnic service concession permits listed above for a term of one year, expiring June 30, 2008. The motion carried unanimously.

**#07-0504**

AUTHORIZE FIRST AMENDMENT TO PERMIT WITH LARRY R. NELSON, DBA LARRY'S PONIES, TO OPERATE PONY RIDES, HAYRIDES, HORSE-DRAWN RIDES, AND OTHER RELATED ACTIVITIES AT EL DORADO REGIONAL PARK EAST

It was moved by Vice President Satariano and seconded by Commissioner Tong Sangmeister to authorize the Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine to execute the First Amendment to Permit No. 27815 with Larry R. Nelson, dba Larry's Ponies, to operate the concession at El Dorado Regional Park East, extending the term through May 31, 2009, and authorize the Director to execute future amendments to extend the Permit term. The motion carried unanimously.

**#07-0505**

AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF A FACILITY USE PERMIT FOR KNOWLEDGE LEARNING CORPORATION TO OPERATE A SCIENCE CAMP FROM JUNE 18, 2007, THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2007, AT EL DORADO PARK WEST, PICNIC SITE A

Ms. Parker stated that previously another company operated this program, which had been running this program for about three or four years. That company was purchased by Knowledge Learning Corporation and this is the first year under this name.

**It was moved by Commissioner Tong Sangmeister and seconded by Commissioner Livingstone to execute a Facility Use Permit with Knowledge Learning Corporation to operate a science camp from June 18, 2007, through August 31, 2007, at El Dorado Park West, Picnic Site A. The motion carried unanimously.**

**#07-0506**

RECOMMENDATION REGARDING "JUANITA MILLENDER-MCDONALD COMMUNITY CENTER" AS THE POTENTIAL NAME FOR THE NEW COMMUNITY CENTER AT ADMIRAL KIDD PARK

Commissioner Livingstone stated that he has a concern about this. He met the Congresswoman, researched her career, and thinks she was great. Everything he saw related to Carson or Compton. Her district was moved into Long Beach and he questions putting something at Admiral Kidd Park, which was named for someone who was specifically a Long Beach resident. He said we do have named other items for non-Long Beach residents, such as Rosa Parks Park, Martin Luther King, Jr. Park, Cesar Chavez, but I would rather see us wait a year and do a little research.

President Saltzgaver stated that he would make note that this would be naming the community center not the Park. Admiral Kidd would continue to be the name of the park.

Commissioner Livingstone recommended that we wait the full year, as the policy states.

Mr. Hester stated that the policy does reflect that time frame of a year or longer before naming a facility. However, the City Council has in the past made some exceptions to that policy.

President Saltzgaver stated that this might be time to revisit that entire policy.

Vice President Satariano asked if there are any other sites that have come up in conversation that could be renamed after the Congresswoman.

Mr. Hester responded that this was the only park that came up.

Vice President Satariano stated that he respects the direction that Commissioner Livingstone is going and he is trying to find some middle ground. This was a very emotional suggestion when the Congresswoman passed away and we all wish she was born and raised in Long Beach, but she was not.

Commissioner Livingstone said that he researched her career and thought that what she fought for was wonderful, but he was concerned about the immediate reaction.

Commissioner Tong Sangmeister said that she was concerned about ignoring the policies.

Mr. Hester stated that the Administrative Regulations provides guidelines and City Council has not followed those in the past and have set precedence for naming of facilities for non-city residents also. Part of the recommendation should probably be that the Administrative Regulation be looked at, if it is not going to be followed.

President Saltzgaver stated that he is familiar with her work and she had done many things for Long Beach. He said he would entertain a motion with the caveat that the Administrative Regulation be reviewed.

**It was moved by Brett Waterfield and seconded by Vice President Satariano to recommend to the Housing and Neighborhood Committee, and the full City Council that Juanita Millender-McDonald Community Center is an appropriate name for the new community center in Admiral Kidd Park, with the caveat that Administration Regulation 8-7 be reviewed. The motion carried unanimously.**

## **IX. COMMITTEE STATUS REPORTS**

### **A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE President Saltzgaver, Chair**

President Saltzgaver stated that the Committee met.

- Selection of Nomination committee for 2007-2008 Officers

President Saltzgaver stated that it is time to elect officers for the coming year and he would like to appoint Commissioner Brett Waterfield and Commissioner Bob Livingstone as the nominating committee, to come back to the Parks and Recreation Commission next month with nominations next month for officers for the coming year.

President Saltzgaver stated that the Executive Committee this next month would be reviewing committees and job descriptions.



B. FINANCE AND APPEALS COMMITTEE  
President Saltzgaver, Chair

President Saltzgaver stated that the Committee did not meet but the statement of revenues and expenditures was included in the packet.

Mr. Squires stated that the Department has been meeting on a monthly basis to discuss estimates to close for the year and ongoing expenses compared to the budget and the current process for the 2008 budget, which has been submitted to the City Manager for review. Next month we should have some comments and feedback from the City Manager.

Vice President Satariano complemented staff for moving the recap to the top of the page, making it easier to find.

C. PARK SAFETY COMMITTEE  
Commissioner George, Chair

Commissioner George stated that the Committee met this morning and discussed the Nature Center problem.

Lt. Joe Stilinovich stated that the Police Department held their Annual Awards Luncheon for 2006, which was another crime reduction year for the City of Long Beach. Chief Batts thanked all department heads for their partnership in reducing the crime. Lt. Stilinovich thanked the Department for programs, parks, engaging the youth, maintenance, and graffiti and vandalism abatement.

Lt. Stilinovich stated that there was a trend over the past few months of an increase in vandalism and a burglary of a snake from the Nature Center. The snake was recovered and two juveniles from Cypress were arrested for that. The Police Department and Nature Center staff discussed crime prevention through environmental design for the Nature Center and looked at the changes they could make. He said that motion sensor lights and barbed wire would disturb the animals and birds. They increased Park Ranger patrol and are doing night surveillance. He said that they are drafting a revision to the Municipal Code that would cover the Nature Center.

Mr. Hester stated that Councilmember Patrick O'Donnell has been very active and he will be bringing an item to the City Council to request that Police and Park Rangers continue to work and see what other safety measures can be taken at the Nature Center. The City Prosecutor is fast tracking the Municipal Code changes. The Councilmember is also requesting that the City Council approve an El Dorado Nature Center Day, to bring the community together.

Chief Ranger Bill Greco stated that on April 8, on Easter Sunday, there was a large turnout at El Dorado Regional Park. There were close to 2,000 vehicles in the park that day. They took convoys from the 605 Freeway to the park's Wardlow Street entrance and cleared up congestion on the freeway. There were approximately 16,000 people who attended the Cambodian New Year Celebration at the Golden Grove area in El Dorado Regional Park, with approximately 3,000 vehicles.

D. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY AND CUSTOMER SATISFACTION COMMITTEE  
Commissioner Guerra, Chair

President Saltzgaver stated that the quarterly report was included in the packet.

E. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS COMMITTEE  
Vice President Satariano, Chair

Vice President Satariano stated that the Committee did not meet.

F. CITY SCHOOLS/JOINT COMMITTEE  
Commissioner Tong Sangmeister, Chair

Commissioner Tong Sangmeister stated that she did not attend the Committee meeting and requested Commissioner Waterfield to report on the meeting.

Commissioner Waterfield stated that a subcommittee meeting was held to discuss concerns regarding the Long Beach Unified School District master plan process. He said that Heather Martin put together a draft document that highlights some things that they want to see included in the School District's master plan.

President Saltzgaver suggested that Ms. Martin e-mail that document to the rest of the Commission.

Commissioner Waterfield stated that the document talks about the benefit of parks and recreation programs and being involved in the cooperation of schools and discussed the parks and recreation master plan as it relates to open space and functioning of programs having to do with health and well being, the significance of physical activity in relationship to academic success. What we are finding is that the School District's master plan is really looking at facility use. We feel it is important not only to look at what goes on in the facilities during the school day, but beyond the school day, because we are a strong partner in the programs and use of the facilities there. What we saw as priorities, in looking at that master plan, is really looking at a facilities assessment and how green space areas could be improved. He said that Mr. Eschen is going to report on how some areas could be accessible for recreation programs, based on some fencing changes. The also discussed models of

significant joint use taking place over the past couple of years. Most recently with the model of Chavez School and Park and how we want to see more of those concepts and ideas included in the master plan process. We think it is important for us to be pushing ahead in the master plan. We are trying to make sure that in this master plan and look at the facilities, that what we do is included in the process.

President Saltzgaver asked how we could get this information to the people that matter.

Mr. Hester said he anticipates that at the next meeting we'd like to make a presentation. He stated that the City Schools/Joint Committee should meet again before the full Committee meets, to finalize their recommendations and then have the Parks and Recreation Commission transmit their recommendations to the City Council and LBUSD, for the recommendations to be included in the District's Master Plan.

Mr. Squires stated that behind the scenes the Department has their own committee and they are planning dates to meet with the District's committee to negotiate the actual Joint Use Agreement. The last agreement expired a year ago and we received a one-year extension of the existing agreement, which runs through December 31, 2007.

Mr. Hester stated that he thinks their process has slowed a bit.

G. SPECIAL EVENTS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE  
Commissioner Livingstone, Chair

Commissioner Livingstone stated that the Committee did not meet.

X. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT TO COMMISSION**

A. DIRECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT – APRIL 2007

President Saltzgaver asked for any questions on the monthly report. There were none.

**It was moved by Commissioner Livingstone and seconded by Vice President Satariano to receive and file the Director's Monthly Report for April 2007. The motion carried unanimously.**

**XI. CORRESPONDENCE**

President Saltzgaver stated that a letter was included in the packet that he sent to the Kiwanis Club.

**XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**B. BASEBALL/SOFTBALL HALL OF FAME UPDATE**

Vice President Satariano stated that we started a Baseball and Softball Hall of Fame at Blair Field and Joe Rodgers Field, respectively, in 2004. We have continued that process through 2005-2006 with a special committee. We have nominees from both the public and the committee and work off of huge lists and have kept the selection committees together for the last three, almost four years. Some new members were added this year. Although in Long Beach we have a lot of players in the major leagues right now, we have always wanted to reach into the 1920s, 30s, and 40s and honor those people in our Halls who built the infrastructure so that these others can be successful today. This year they will bring seven new inductees on the baseball side and six on the softball side. The induction ceremony will be on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, prior to an Armada game. He encouraged all the Commissioners to attend.

**XIII. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. APPROVAL OF REVISED PLANS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF VICTORY PARK AT 150 WEST OCEAN BOULEVARD**

Mr. Eschen stated that this is a request regarding Victory Park, between Pine Avenue and Pacific Avenue. The Commission approved a plan to this section of the park approximately two years ago. What is different now is that Planning and Building has forced the inclusion of the cupola from the Loeff carrousel building into the park to display historic information underneath it. The improvement plan had to adapt to that. They are going to do a skeletal orientation of the roof of the building, so that the scale and the content fits better than having the cupola by itself and also to provide room for the displays. Due to this, a couple of the guidelines could not be accommodated, which are minor items, such as a larger walkway size is needed and they are one tree short because of space taken up by the structure. The canopies of trees were felt to be too large so they have gone to more of the secondary tree rather than the prescribed number of primary trees. Mr. Eschen said that he thinks they can supply one more of the smaller trees and they will be in compliance with the regulations on the total number of trees in the park. He distributed a current plan for the park.

Mr. George Medak said that the City requested that they change the park design to include the cupola. They have accommodated that and redesigned it at their expense. It is now up to the City to get the structure permitted and built.

Mr. Richard Garbini responded that the tree is not an issue. They would include the extra tree. The City first wanted the roof to be in this park. Then the developer decided that the roof was falling apart and found that only the cupola could be saved. The Historic Preservation Officer suggested that the cupola should be put on something that resembles an open-air frame of what the roof used to look like, but on a reduced scale. The public could then walk underneath and see images of what the Pike used to look like. The Cultural Heritage Commission and the Historic Preservation Officer are taking charge of that and they will have to come back to the Parks and Recreation Commission for approval on implementing that. He said that construction would begin in early 2008.

President Saltzgaver asked who would maintain the area after it is finished.

Mr. Garbini responded that they would maintain the park and the City would maintain that structure. That structure is to be built and maintained by the City.

**It was moved by Vice President Satariano and seconded by Commissioner Tong Sangmeister to approve the design of Victory Park adjacent to 150 W. Ocean Boulevard, with two conditions:**

- 1. The historical display area shall contain a display providing information on the history of Victory Park, including historical photographs; and**
- 2. An additional secondary tree shall be included to meet the full tree count for this section of Victory Park.**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

B. 2006 LONG BEACH PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT

**It was moved by Vice President Satariano and seconded by Commissioner Sarah Tong Sangmeister to approve the 2006 Parks and Recreation Commission Annual Report and authorize the Director to forward it to the City Council. The motion carried unanimously.**

C. UPDATE OF SUMMER PROGRAMS

Mr. Hester stated that the Department would like to report on summer programs at the next Commission meeting.

**XIV. COMMENTS**

A. AUDIENCE

President Saltzgaver asked for comments from the audience.

Ms. Stacia Mancini stated that the Youth Council held their skate park meeting. Previous Councilmember Mike Donelon was there and brought the older skate boarders. The Youth Council would like to give a report to the Parks and Recreation Commission about the process and what they would be recommending. They wanted to do this in the summer when they were out of school.

Ms. Mancini said she also wanted to mention that the Councilwoman had written a grant to ask the Smithsonian to bring their "From Sea to Shining Sea" exhibit to Long Beach and she was successful in that. We have been awarded as one of the 200 cities across the United States to hold the exhibit, celebrating 200 years of charting the coast of the United States. All the exhibits will be opening on the same day. The cities closest to us are San Pedro, Cerritos, and Newport Beach, which were the other cities selected in Southern California. The exhibit will be housed in the El Dorado Library in their community room. An opening will held on June 21, from 6:00-8:00 p.m., and everyone will be receiving a flyer. The Port has agreed to pay for the reception and the framing of the posters on display. Ms. Mancini said this is a great way to tie the Port in to the rest of the city. Once the exhibit is over, the City can keep the pictures, which will be rotated around to schools and libraries.

B. STAFF

President Saltzgaver asked for comments from the staff.

Mr. Hester distributed the Department's Annual Report and said he thought it would be a good idea to take the Department's highlights and put them into a report. He requested the Commission's suggestions for next year and said that the document would be put on the Department's website.

C. COMMISSIONERS

President Saltzgaver asked for comments from the Commissioners.

Commissioner George complemented staff on the annual report.

Commissioner Tong Sangmeister said that staff really needs to look at how much Shoreline Drive is closed down, for a number of different reasons. She said that she works in the downtown area and the events are really beginning to affect traffic flows. This Commission and the entire City really needs to look at this as they continue to grow downtown Long Beach.

Mr. Hester responded that there was a lot of discussion prior to the partial street closure of Shoreline Drive. Some of the people who were complaining did not have accurate information, plus their representatives were not presenting the information to the heads of their organizations. This is still an issue that the City is looking at.

President Saltzgaver said that he would like an update on the Bixby Park bandshell.

Mr. Hester responded that it would be going to City Council on June 5, to approve the contract with the construction company. It was hung up in the Historical Preservation office.

President Saltzgaver said that he understood, but it still looked bad just sitting there.

President Saltzgaver stated that there was a report to the City Council about a month ago regarding commissions in the City. One of the recommendations from a Planning Commissioner suggested major commissions meet at night to extend public participation. He said that he has not been approached by the Mayor's office, City Council, or the City Manager's office to change the Parks and Recreation Commission's meeting times and dates.

Vice President Satariano suggested that this item be discussed in the Executive Committee meeting.

Mr. Eschen stated that as the only staff member who has experienced both the Planning Commission and the Parks and Recreation Commission on an extensive level, there is a very distinct difference in the nature of the items that are considered and the level of public participation.

**X. NEXT MEETING**

President Saltzgaver stated that the next meeting would be held at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 21, 2007, at MacArthur Park in the community center, 1321 E. Anaheim St., Long Beach.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

President Saltzgaver adjourned the meeting at 11:08 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Black  
Executive Assistant to the Director

c: Phil T. Hester, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine